

with necessary right-of-way for access to such natives to such landing places: *Provided*, That any such reserve or grant for use for landings, wharves, or landing places which are no longer being used may upon proper evidence of nonuse be revoked and abrogated and conveyances under this Act made free and clear thereof.

Approved August 3, 1955.

Public Law 214

CHAPTER 497

AN ACT

August 3, 1955
[H. R. 473]

To authorize an investigation and report on the advisability of a national monument in Brooklyn, New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and report thereon to the Congress within one year following the appropriation of funds to the Department of the Interior for the purposes of this Act, with respect to the advisability of establishing a national monument in Brooklyn, New York, in honor of two hundred and fifty-six Maryland heroes who fell in combat during the Battle of Brooklyn on the 27th day of August 1776. The report to the Congress shall include information regarding the following:

Brooklyn, N. Y.
monument.
Report, etc., to
Congress.

- (1) National historical importance of such a memorial;
- (2) Nature of burial site, identity of exact site of burial, size and present-day conditions of site, including improvements thereon;
- (3) Complete cost for the establishment of such memorial;
- (4) Cost of maintenance of such a memorial and amount thereof that will be paid for by the city of New York and/or the State of New York; and
- (5) Recommendations.

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Public Law 215

CHAPTER 498

AN ACT

August 3, 1955
[H. R. 4001]

To provide for the management and disposition of certain public domain lands in the State of Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide, in accordance with the terms of this Act, for the management and disposition of any interest of the United States in those lands which were reconveyed to the United States by deeds of conveyance executed on November 29, 1950, by the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation and the governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or which have been, or may be, reconveyed to the United States by any further and supplemental conveyances made under the authority of the Interior Department Appropriation Act of June 28, 1944 (58 Stat. 463, 483), the joint resolution of June 24, 1948 (62 Stat. 596), and the First Deficiency Appropriation Act of May 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 76, 84).

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Management and
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dian lands.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, in order to facilitate the administration and management of the lands, to remove any clouds on the titles of any persons to interests in such lands, or to establish definite boundaries for such lands, may (1) sell any tract of the lands at public sale to the highest responsible bidder, or at private sale; or